

Mrs. Taft Attends the Morning Piano Recital Given at the Playhouse By Ernest Hutcheson

President and Party Occupy Box at Performance of "Pomander Walk."

Mrs. Taft and Mrs. McClintock were among those attending the recital at the Playhouse this morning at which Mrs. W. Sinclair Bowen presented Ernest Hutcheson, pianist of the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

Last night the President and Mrs. Taft and their party occupied two boxes at the Belasco Theater for the performance of "Pomander Walk." Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Miss Alys Meyer, Miss Harriet Southernland, Miss Taft, Lieut. E. St. J. Greble, U. S. A., Ensign Stephen H. McKinney, U. S. N., Dr. Cary D. Grayson, U. S. N., Mr. von Bulow, of the German embassy, and Charles Taft.

Skating Club Event Largely Attended.

Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, wife of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Mrs. Beatty, wife of the Commandant of the Navy Yard, received the large number of guests at the meeting of the Monday Afternoon Skating Club yesterday afternoon.

An interesting feature of the afternoon was the exhibition of "Miss Alice Teddy," a skating bear.

Music for the skaters was furnished by the bands of the Mayflower and Dolphin.

Among the skaters were Miss Hildegarde Nagel, Mrs. Richard Wainwright, Jr., Mrs. Archibald Davis, Miss Emily Beatty, Mrs. P. Lee Phillips, Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan, Mrs. Copley Thaw, Miss Hineley, Mrs. George Wheeler, Mrs. T. Ritchie Stone, Mrs. Jack Story, Mrs. Haywood, Miss Doris Haywood, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker, Miss Margaretta Brooke, Miss Helen Parker, Mrs. Lawrence Leach, Miss Mary Irwin, Miss Mary McCauley, Miss Mabel Hume, Mrs. Corcoran Thom, Miss Anna Portner, Miss Sally Carling, Mrs. Gertrude Greely, Miss Helen Wilson, Miss Mary Willis, Miss Margarette Caperton, Miss Edna Erlougher, Miss Jeanette Allen, William Howie Clark, Mr. Totten, Mr. Stauffer, and Charles Wheeler.

Miss Natalie Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Harrison, will entertain a party of young people at dinner this evening at her home in Sixteenth street. Mrs. Harrison is spending several days in New York.

Mrs. J. Burnet Crane is spending some time in Mississippi. Miss Crane and Miss Estelle Crane will leave Washington next week to spend some time in New York and West Point.

The Ladies' Beneficent Society of the First Presbyterian Church has arranged for a tea and sale at the New Elbott Friday, March 29, from 2 to 10 o'clock. The proceeds to go to the benefit of the church. Fancy and useful articles and homemade cakes and candies will be on display.

THE TIMES Question Box

Times Inquiry Department:
Will you please tell me something that will take the stain made from tea out of an old rose cashmere dress; also a stain made from wearing flowers on a white muslin dress? By doing so you will oblige.
ROSE.

You will have to take your rose dress to a professional cleaner and even then it is doubtful if it will be possible to remove the stains made by tea, as these are very stubborn and do not respond to ordinary methods. Whatever this department can recommend for the removal of tea stains would also remove the color from the goods. If your white muslin is cotton, washing it in warm water and a good white soap will remove the stains made from flower stems. If there is a green stain the best way to remove it is to cover the mark with common cooking molasses and allow it to stand for two or three hours. Wash in lukewarm water and repeat the process if the stain does not disappear the first time.

Times Inquiry Department:
Please publish in your question column who is the author of the poem commencing "All quiet along the Potomac tonight?"
Very truly,
The poem was composed by Ethel Lynn Beers.

Anxious—Your question regarding the "Kiss of Peace" is one that would open up no end of argument, therefore this department would advise you to take it to your minister, who, no doubt, would be better able to explain it from an ecclesiastical standpoint.

A Reader—By making application to the United States Census Bureau the figures will be given you.
A Friend of The Times—Mrs. Taft is a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church.

S. L. S.—None of the coins you mention are of other than their face value except your 1837 and your 1863 pennies, the former having a premium of from 10 to 40 cents and the latter of from 20 to 60 cents.

W. C. A. W.—The information you desire is only to be obtained by calling at the Patent Office in person.

Subscriber—No record of such a transaction has been recorded either in the District of Columbia, Virginia, or Maryland.

Times Inquiry Department:
Will you please advise me if I can get single copies of some of the popular plays at the Public Library? Thanking you, I am,
Yours truly,
DRAMATIC.

Plays are loaned under regulations governing the loan of ordinary books at the Public Library.

Times Inquiry Department:
Will you kindly answer the following questions: Was there ever a Roman Catholic President of the United States, and if so, what was his name? Was a Catholic the President of the United States if he were elected? Thanking you in advance, I am,
A READER.

There never has been a Catholic President of the United States, but there is no law against any man becoming President, providing he receives the majority of votes.

S. E. S.—There is no listed value to any of your coins.

Times Inquiry Department:
Is there any place one can obtain, or buy, for window boxes in which to plant seeds? Thanking you for the information, I am,
AMATEUR.

You can obtain this soil from any florist in town.



MRS. WILLIAM SCHLEY HOWARD,
Wife of Congressman Howard of Georgia, Who Has Taken An Active Part In Social Activities of the Congressional Set This Winter.

Herbert H. D. Pollock, formerly of the American diplomatic service, will be in the city on Tuesday evening, April 2, on the subject of "Diplomatic Life in Russia."

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Moses are being congratulated upon the birth today of a daughter, Miss Wade Moses, at their country home in Chevy Chase.

Captain and Mrs. Wignmore Hosts At Dinner.

Capt. Hubert L. Wignmore, the new military attaché of the American embassy at Tokyo, and Mrs. Wignmore were hosts at dinner last evening at the Chevy Chase Club in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Turner, of Los Angeles, Cal., and their guests. The additional guests were Judge and Mrs. Ballou, Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer Moore, of Pennsylvania, mother of the hostess, Dr. and Mrs. Simpson, Major William H. Hart, U. S. A., and Mrs. Hart; Major E. P. Reynolds, U. S. A., and Mrs. Reynolds; Dr. and Mrs. James Patton, Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. Needham, Miss Mattie, Major T. W. Winston, U. S. A., Lieutenant Eimbeck, Dr. Dickson, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Meem, Robert Hume, and Mr. Kauffman.

Senator and Mrs. Wetmore were among those entertaining at dinner last evening.

Miss Lloyd Entertains At Luncheon Today.

Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Mrs. Clark, and her husband, Mr. Lloyd, of Missouri, entertained at luncheon today at the Portland. The additional guests, who were all Missourians, were Miss Agnes Shuckler, Miss Alexander, the Misses Hamilton, Miss Daugherty, Miss Kerr, and Miss Brown.

Miss Kirkland will be the house guest of Miss Clark until the 1st of April, when she will join her aunt, Miss Rile, of Missouri, and sail for Europe to spend the summer.

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Announce Engagement of Miss Marjorie Ide to Shane Leslie.

The American minister to Spain, Henry C. Ide, has just announced from Madrid the engagement of his daughter, Miss Marjorie Ide, to Shane Leslie, eldest son of Col. and Mrs. John Leslie, and grandson of Sir John and Lady Constance Leslie, of Castle Leslie, Glasfough, Ireland. The wedding will take place June 1, at the Cedars, the country estate of former Congressman and Mrs. W. Bourke Cockran, brother-in-law and sister of the bride-elect.

Miss Ide has a host of friends in Washington, and was constantly entertained during her visit this winter. She is an intimate friend of Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, and was her guest during her stay in the National Capital. She has just joined her father after a prolonged visit to Mr. and Mrs. Cockran in New York.

Another betrothal was a Miss Jerome, of New York, and his two aunts are Mrs. George Cornwallis West and Mrs. Moreton Trevelyan.

Miss Bowers Visiting Friends in Charleston

Miss Martha Bowers, daughter of Mrs. Lloyd Bowers, is spending some time in Charleston, S. C., the guest of Miss Edgar. Miss Edgar will accompany Miss Bowers upon her return to Washington next Sunday, to be her guest for several days.

Miss Bowers is entertaining a small party informally at dinner this evening, followed by a theater party at the New National Theater.

Mrs. Burrows, wife of former Senator Burrows, has invitations out for a luncheon on April 5.

Mrs. William McKelir will entertain at luncheon Wednesday afternoon.

Prof. and Mrs. Cole will entertain at dinner Saturday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Greenhaw has returned to Washington from Atlantic City, where she spent the last several weeks.

The Secretary of the Navy, George von L. Meyer, went to Boston yesterday for a few days' stay. Mrs. Meyer and George von L. Meyer, Jr., are expected to return with him at the end of the week.

The Military Attaché of the German embassy, Major von Herwarth, has returned to Washington from New York, where he had been on a visit to Mr. von Herwarth and Lieutenant von Herwarth for Germany.

Cleaved Diamonds Are Brighter Than Others

The art of the lapidary is one of the most delicate employments of mechanical forces known. The practical diamond cutter learns many of the secrets of the art from the lapidary, who has been found out that diamonds coming from the different districts vary remarkably in their degrees of hardness.

It appears that the hardest diamonds come from New South Wales. An unfamiliar fact is that diamonds are made to assume approximately the required shape by sitting and cleaving and by "chipping," which is the rubbing of one diamond against another. Before they are submitted to the polishing wheel, the diamond is cemented on the end of a wooden stick, and a steel blade is driven with a smart blow in the direction of the natural plane of cleavage. The brilliant facets of the diamond are polished by those that have simply been cleaved.

Mrs. Lamar, wife of Mr. Justice Lamar, has gone to Baltimore for a brief visit to Mrs. William D. Bowie.

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Seen in the Shops

The observant shopper, the one with a careful eye and keen judgment, has probably already detected for herself the furniture slips offered by a department store on P street, near Eleventh street. These are made of many durable materials, including beautiful cretonnes, linen in both brown and cream, and English striped taffeta. These slips add a note of distinction, as well as a useful coolness, to the house in the heat of summer. This set, which includes five pieces, or slips, is put on the market for the small sum of \$12.50.

Another bargain offered by this house is in the shirt waist department. This temptation is in the form of a silk shirt that is so smart when worn with the tailored suit. They come made up in soft china silk with black and white pencil stripes, and with the regulation soft collar, and turnback cuffs. This shirt is now selling for the reduced sum of \$2.95. The combination of black and white is one of the smartest that is seen in the world of fashion.

The cream serge that is to be worn so much in the well-dressed woman this season is selling at a special price at a market place department store today. This is the heavy whipcord and diagonal serge that is always sold at \$1.50, but for this day only it is to be \$1.17. This material is twenty-six inches in width, and made of the best wool. This, made up in a jacket suit, would be just the thing for early spring wear.

A shop on Seventh street, near K street, is selling linen waists at half price. These waists are made on tailor-made lines with the standing collar, of the best white linen and marked at 50 cents. The skirt to match, made of the same material, is marked at 80 cents. These garments, worn as a suit, will be very attractive this summer, when it is too warm for the heavier suit.

The big 50 cent size boxes of writing paper, selling at a market place department store for 13 cents. These are packed full of the finest linen, with envelopes to match. The paper comes in two sizes, that for little informal notes, and the size used for letters. As a bargain in this line it is not equaled in the city.

The set of bungalow china that is offered by a 63 street department store, near Eleventh street, is one of the best values for the price, which is only \$1.45. This set has a goodly number of patterns to choose from, designs of dainty roses, trailing violets, corn flowers, and ruffled ribbons. The set is made up of forty-two pieces, including four place settings, tea and dinner plates. Even the glasses are there, making it a complete affair of beauty and service.

Dainty little pumps for this season's smart occasions are to be found at the above mentioned shop. These shoes are made up in material to match, or to correspond with any gown. Some of these pumps show the embroidered toes that seem to be one of the latest touches on footwear from the European centers of fashion. Made in the softest satins or richest velvets they show the artistic touch that is the hallmark of this shop. These range in price from \$3 to \$6.

A book agent will attempt to sell his book under many adverse circumstances, and in many cases he will succeed, but there are times when he seeks that a graceful retreat is the better part. An agent tells the following story:

"I approached a farmer in a poor community and began showing my book. He listened with interest, but when I had finished the first lap of my speech said that he couldn't read, of course that put a new light on the matter, but I didn't give up, for we meet many customers who can't read. I told him of the great help it would be to all his children and his wife, and he still was interested. "I thought I was making progress, but I wasn't. I had finished my speech with the usual peroration that is designed to make the customer enthusiastic and give him the sign for the book—a thing few will do without considerable persuasion. Instead of taking the pencil he said: "It's a good book, all right, and all that, but I can't read. My daughter, she can read, but she has a book." Indianapolis News.

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